IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A contents market research system for researching marketability of a picture content based on <u>contents</u> polling information given by a pollee and displaying the result, the system comprising:

a contents market research apparatus comprising:

contents introduction information storage means for storing content introduction information for introducing said picture content to said pollee;

contents introduction information sending means for sending said content introduction information stored in said contents introduction information storage means;

contents polling information receiving means for receiving the contents polling information that includes said polling information for said picture content;

contents polling information storage means for storing said contents polling information received by means of said contents polling information receiving means;

poll result counting means for discriminately counting said contents polling information entered by a predetermined pollee and said contents polling information entered by a general pollee; and

a display for displaying the business profitability when said <u>picture</u> content is commercialized on <u>said a display</u> apparatus,

wherein if personal information is included in the contents polling information, the personal information is counted in addition to ballots of each picture content and

a marketable field of the picture content is specified based on the counted result of the personal information; and

a contents polling apparatus comprising:

contents introduction information receiving means for receiving said content introduction information sent by means of said contents introduction information sending means;

contents introduction information display means for displaying said content introduction information;

contents polling means for entering said contents polling information; and contents polling information sending means for sending said contents polling information entered by said contents polling means.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The contents market research system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said content introduction information includes a portion of said picture content.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The contents market research system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said contents introduction information sending means sends said content introduction information that has been classified as a function of subject matter.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The contents market research system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said contents polling information includes personal information of said pollee.

- 5. (Previously Presented) The contents market research system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said contents polling information includes the merchandise purchase intention information of said pollee to be activated when said content is commercialized.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The contents market research system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined pollee is provided a greater quantity of ballots than said general pollee.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The contents market research system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said poll result counting means generates said business profitability as a function of the combination of a plurality of said picture contents content.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The contents market research system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said contents polling information includes the information indicating whether said pollee wants sales advertisement of said-merchandise.
- 9. (Currently Amended) A contents market research apparatus for researching the marketability of a picture content before commercialization based on the contents polling information given by a pollee comprising:

a contents market research apparatus having contents introduction information storage means that stores the content introduction information for introducing said picture content to said pollee;

contents introduction information sending means for sending said content

introduction information stored in said contents introduction information storage means;

contents polling information receiving means for receiving the contents polling information that includes said polling information for said picture content;

contents polling information storage means for storing said contents polling information received by said contents polling information receiving means;

poll result counting means for discriminately counting said contents polling information stored in said contents polling information storage means between said contents polling information entered by one or more predetermined pollees and said contents polling information entered by one or more general pollees and for displaying the business profitability to be obtained when said content is commercialized,

wherein if personal information is included in the contents polling information, the personal information is counted in addition to ballots of each picture content and a marketable field of the picture content is specified based on the counted result of the personal information.

10. (Currently Amended) A contents market research method used for researching the marketability of picture content before commercialization based on the contents polling information given by one or more pollees, the method comprising:

introducing said picture content to said one or more pollees;
storing the picture content introduced to said one or more pollees;
sending said stored picture content introduced to said one or more pollees;
receiving contents polling information from said one or more pollees;
storing said received contents polling information;

discriminately counting said stored contents polling information as a function of contents polling information entered by one or more predetermined pollees and said contents polling information entered by one or more general pollees; and

determining a business profitability to be obtained when said content is commercialized,

wherein if personal information is included in the contents polling information, the personal information is counted in addition to ballots of each picture content and a marketable field of the picture content is specified based on the counted result of the personal information.

11. (Currently Amended) A method program, stored on a computer-readable medium researching marketability of picture content before commercialization based on contents polling information, the method program comprising the steps of:

introducing said picture content to one or more pollees; storing said picture content introduced to said one or more pollees; sending said stored picture content to the one or more pollees;

receiving contents polling information related to said content, from said one or more pollees;

storing said received contents polling information;

discriminately counting said stored contents polling information entered by one or more predetermined said pollees and said contents polling information entered by one or more general said pollees; and

determining business profitability to be obtained when said picture content is

commercialized,

wherein if personal information is included in the contents polling information,
the personal information is counted in addition to ballots of each picture content and a
marketable field of the picture content is specified based on the counted result of the personal information.